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## Pennsylvania Egg Production Down 5 Percent in December

HARRISBURG, PA, January 23, 2008 - - Egg production in Pennsylvania during December 2007 totaled 543 million eggs, down 5 percent from the 569 million eggs produced in December 2006, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The total number of layers averaged 22.1 million during December, a 8 percent drop from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,461 eggs during the month, an increase of 80 eggs from December 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2007 totaled 4.3 million, down 2 percent from the 4.4 million hatched the previous December. Broiler-type chicks hatched totaled 15.2 million during December 2007, up 4 percent from the same month last year.

United States' egg production totaled 7.76 billion during December 2007, slightly below last year's total during December. The total number of layers during December averaged 344 million, down 1 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,256 eggs, an increase of 22 eggs from December 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched in the United States during December totaled 35.5 million, up 7 percent from December 2006. Broiler-type hatch totaled 823 million, a 3 percent increase from last year at this time. There were 24.1 million turkey poults placed in the United States during December 2007, up 1 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago.

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